

May 2006  
CENTRAL COMMAND

# SAFESTAT REPORT

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## Overview

During the month of May the Central Command showed an overall decline of 17.7% in total traffic crashes when compared to April. Property damage crashes declined by 13.0% and injury crashes declined by 28.9%. However, fatal crashes increased by one or 50.0%. Crashes involving commercial vehicles also increased when compared to April and accounted for 19.6% of the Commands total crashes in May. Of the 20 crashes involving a commercial vehicle, 14 or 70.0% were the fault of the commercial vehicle driver. Seven commercial vehicle crashes occurred on IR80 while the remaining 13 occurred on secondary roadways.

Overall enforcement activity increased by 7.3% in May when compared to April and increased by 16.3% when compared to the same reporting period the previous year. The most notable increase occurred in the occupant restraint category of 46.2%. Modest increases were also noted in arrest and speed violations. The 4333 total violations cited are the highest recorded since the inception of the Central Command. Again in April as in May the arrest of impaired drivers declined. This continues to be an area of concern and will be addressed by commanders.

Inspections of commercial vehicles and their drivers by Commercial Operations personnel also increased when compared to April by 7.1%. Areas of special note indicating a job well done were increases of 59.6% for hazardous moving violations, 94.7% for other traffic violations, 39.8% for trucks weighed and 340.0% for overweight violations.

Traffic Operation personnel conducted 459 Level 2/3 inspections during May. These inspections led to the discovery of 598 safety violations resulting in 167 citations being issued and 48 drivers being placed out of service.

The increases in enforcement activity led to increases in the workload for the Communication Center.

The Central Command commends all of those in our Command that are working towards the betterment of public safety and for a job well done during the month of May.



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**CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW**

	May-06		May-05	% Change		April-06	% Change
Total Crashes	102		114	-10.5%		124	-17.7%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	67		66	1.5%		77	-13.0%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	32		44	-27.3%		45	-28.9%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	3		4	-25.0%		2	50.0%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	5		3	66.7%		6	-16.7%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	4		7	-42.9%		2	100.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	2		4	-50.0%		1	100.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	0		1	-100.0%		1	-100.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	1		1	0.0%		0	100.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	1		1	0.0%		0	100.0%
Total persons killed -- seatbelts not applicable	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	20		20	0.0%		15	33.3%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	15		12	25.0%		10	50.0%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	5		7	-28.6%		4	25.0%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	0		1	-100.0%		1	-100.0%

Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 2.9%

Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 4.9%

Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 50.0%

Percentage of commercial vehicle crashes to total crashes 19.6%

**NARRATIVE ANALYSIS**

*[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]*

- \* Twenty-two fewer crashes occurred in May as compared to April for a 17.7% decline. Property damage crashes decreased by 13% and injury crashes decreased by over 28%. There was one additional fatal crash in May.
- \* There were five crashes involving an impaired driver which is one less than the previous month. The average BAC was .168.
- \* The three fatal crashes resulted in four deaths; three drivers and one passenger. Of the three drivers killed, two were not utilizing seat belts.
- \* Crashes involving commercial vehicles increased by 5 in May over April. Of the 20 crashes involving a commercial vehicle, 14 or 70% were the fault of the commercial vehicle driver. Seven crashes occurred on I-80 while the remaining 13 occurred on secondary roadways.

**FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY***[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]*

	May-06		May-05	% Change		April-06	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes	5		3	66.7%		6	-16.7%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes	23		16	43.8%		29	-20.7%
Other Arrests	186		100	86.0%		169	10.1%
Total persons arrested (DUI included)	104		51	103.9%		88	18.2%
Speed violations	2439		2042	19.4%		2243	8.7%
Hazardous moving violations	262		264	-0.8%		271	-3.3%
Occupant restraint violations *	522		532	-1.9%		357	46.2%
Total violations [above violations included]	4333		3726	16.3%		4039	7.3%
<b>Commercial Enforcement</b>							
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	91		48	89.6%		57	59.6%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	37		13	184.6%		19	94.7%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	725		440	64.8%		677	7.1%
Terminal inspections [level 5]	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	127		110	15.5%		142	-10.6%
Total safety violations -- repair order	1040		691	50.5%		1125	-7.6%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	45		52	-13.5%		54	-16.7%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	30		27	11.1%		41	-26.8%
Total school buses inspected	111		39	184.6%		0	11100.0%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	18		5	260.0%		0	1800.0%
Total trucks weighed	945		282	235.1%		676	39.8%
Total overweight citations	22		11	100.0%		5	340.0%
Total dyed fuel inspections	647		421	53.7%		632	2.4%
Total dyed fuel citations	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%

**NARRATIVE ANALYSIS***[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]*

- \* Overall activity increased by 7.3% in May as compared to April. Increases were noted in arrests, speed violations and occupant restraint. There were nine fewer hazardous moving violations. The 4333 total violations are the highest recorded since the inception of the Central Command.
- \*\* There were six fewer arrests of impaired drivers prior to a crash. The average BAC was .178.
- \*\* Inspections conducted by Commercial Operations personnel increased by 7.1% with a total of 725 inspections conducted. Despite the increase in the number of inspections, the number of violations discovered declined. This led to a decline in citations issued as well as drivers and vehicles placed "out of service."
- \*\* The number of school buses inspected increased sharply with the beginning of the required six month inspection process. Over 16% of the buses inspected had "out of service" violations.

- \*\* The number of vehicles weighed increased by almost 40%. The number of overweight violations increased substantially with 22 total overweight citations. Of the 945 vehicles weighed, 164 occurred during 291 hours of directed enforcement on secondary roadways. Of the 22 total violations, 19 occurred on secondary roadways.
- \*\* There were 647 vehicles checked for red dyed fuel with no violations discovered. Of the 647 checks, 223 were conducted during 260 hours of directed enforcement on secondary roadways.
- \*\* Traffic Operations Personnel conducted 459 Level 2 & 3 inspections. Despite this being a decrease from April, the level of inspections conducted is very good. During these inspections, there were 598 violations discovered which led to 167 citations and 48 drivers being placed "out of service." Traffic Operations personnel also issued one citation for red dyed fuel.

Commercial Activity [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]						
	Level 2/3 Inspections	Safety Violations Citation	Safety Violations Repair Order	Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	Dyed Fuel Inspections	Dyed Fuel Citations
	#	#	#	#	#	#
May-06	459	167	598	48	346	1
May-05	310	150	694	50	259	1
% Change	48.1%	11.3%	-13.8%	-4.0%	33.6%	0.0%
April-06	542	218	903	73	441	0
% Change	-15.3%	-23.4%	-33.8%	-34.2%	-21.5%	#DIV/0!



ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	May-06		May-05	% Change		April-06	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER							
Radio Transmissions	94,935		78,253	21.3%		91,543	3.7%
CAD incidents	12,470		10,491	18.9%		11,633	7.2%
Telephone Calls	N/A		12,116	N/A		11,628	N/A
Call Box Incidents	26		47	-44.7%		23	13.0%
FRONT OFFICE							
Accident Reports Processed	74		116	-36.2%		48	54.2%
Arrest Reports Processed	86		48	79.2%		156	-44.9%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	18		18	0.0%		29	-37.9%
COURT / WARRANT							
Warrants Received	260		155	67.7%		356	-27.0%
Warrants Entered	322		24	1241.7%		335	-3.9%
Warrants Cleared	199		461	-56.8%		265	-24.9%
Warrants Validated	2099		1997	5.1%		2241	-6.3%
Extradition / Transports	4		4	0.0%		6	-33.3%
EVIDENCE							
New Cases Submitted	40		23	73.9%		85	-52.9%
New Items Submitted	79		84	-6.0%		66	19.7%
Items Disposed	26		40	-35.0%		26	0.0%

**Contract Service overtime was 366 hours for 10 escorts totalling \$25,136**

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- \*\* The Communications Center had increased in the number of radio transmissions, CAD incidents generated and Call box incidents. Telephone call information was not available due to the machine being shipped out for repairs and the temporary replacement does not accurately count telephone calls.
- \*\* Front Office personnel processed 23% fewer accident, arrest and officer reports in May as compared to April.
- \*\* There were declines in all areas tracked for Court Services; warrants received, entered, cleared validated and persons transported.
- \*\* Despite a decline in the number of new cases submitted to the evidence vault, there was a 19% increase in the number of new items submitted.

***PUBLIC INFORMATION***

- \* Central Command personnel participated in "Tip-A-Cop" to raise funds for the Special Olympics. Over \$3500 was raised.
- \*\* A presentation for Critical Incident Stress Management was done for 30 students.
- \* The court required child seat offender program was presented with 9 persons attending.
- \* An occupant protection presentation was completed at the Spring Creek Day care center for 15 students.
- \* A child seat checkpoint was held at Paul Stevens State Farm Insurance office in Elko in conjunction with "Buckle Up America" week. There were 38 seats inspected.

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